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the particulars. Isolation, quarantine, and vaccination are being rigidly enforced, and the disease is not likely to spread from these cases.

Very respectfully,

J. F. KENNEDY,
Secretary Iowa State Board of Health.

Smallpox in Mobile, Ala.

MOBILE, ALA., November 28, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to state that a colored man from house about 5 miles south of this city was sent to the pesthouse on the 24th. It appears that he became infected by contact with the Cuba and Congress streets residents.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Quarantine precautions against Mexico relaxed.

LAREDO, TEX., November 17, 1898.

SIR: Treasury regulations regarding yellow fever at Monterey were strictly carried out until November 15, 1898. On November 14, the State of Texas raised the State quarantine against Monterey, which fact I telegraphed you, and the United States customs collector at this place received a telegram to discharge the quarantine inspectors, or employees, which was done on the 15th, and the strict quarantine raised. Since the 15th instant I have been inspecting all passenger trains from Mexico at the International Railroad Bridge to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases.

The Marine-Hospital Service train quarantine inspectors reported some cases of smallpox at Saltillo, Mexico, which is the other end of their run, but I do not think it amounts to much as all Mexican cities have a few smallpox cases during the winter.

The Marine-Hospital Service train quarantine inspectors had to make a run into Mexico on trains which kept them away from Texas forty-two hours.

I have not received any official report of yellow fever at Monterey since the 14th instant, which was very favorable. Since that time, in fact to-day, I learn from unofficial sources that there are still quite a number of cases and deaths daily from yellow fever. I have not quarantined, only I would not allow anyone with the disease to enter the city. I understood from your communication to the collector of customs that on account of the State raising quarantine that the Marine-Hospital Service quarantine was also raised. * * *

This year is the first time that there ever was a quarantine at Laredo against Mexican yellow fever points, except in a very loose way by the State of Texas. I also might except the Brownsville epidemic of 1882, when the Marine-Hospital Service cordon, I believe, reached Laredo. I also am under the impression that if the Marine-Hospital Service had not had an officer here this year and Marine-Hospital Service regulations to enforce the quarantine against Monterey would have been lax, and may be yellow fever at Monterey would not have been known. * * *

Respectfully yours,

H. J. HAMILTON,
Temporary Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.